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Dear Colleagues:

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime (UOVC) will soon be receiving funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program. VAWA is a federal pass through program that encourages the development and implementation of effective law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to combat violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services involving crimes against women. This Request for Proposal (RFP) ends **Thursday, October 17, 2019 when applications are due.** UOVC is soliciting proposals from governmental agencies, tribal and non-profit, non-governmental organizations conducting business in the state to develop and maintain domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence services, programs and training initiatives under the STOP VAWA Grant Program that are:

- Flexible and designed to meet the needs of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence victims and providers at the state and local level;
- Inclusive of and responsive to the ethnic, cultural, racial and socioeconomic diversity of the state; and
- Clearly defined with goals and measurable objectives for the services provided

The State of Utah will sub award **\$1,500,000.00** to address the twenty VAWA program purposes, which are included in this mailing. The 2020 VAWA grant program year will begin January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2020. The amount of VAWA funding awarded to individual organizations will be based on an organization's ability to identify unmet needs and to demonstrate a program plan, which will successfully address those needs. The 2020 RFP is a competitive application process; applicants will be able to apply under the following categories:

VAWA funding will be awarded in each of the following categories as required by VAWA statute:

FUNDING CATEGORY	FUNDS TO ALLOCATE	PERCENTAGE
Prosecution	\$375,000.00	25%
Law Enforcement	\$375,000.00	25%
Victim Services	\$450,000.00	30%
Discretionary	\$225,000.00	15%
Courts	\$75,000.00	5%


To gain a better understanding of the VAWA Program and new initiatives and to assist you in developing grant proposals, UOVC will be hosting an online Grant Training Webinar. Please register for this webinar at Eventbrite.com or at the link listed below. Attendance is strongly recommended; and prior registration is required to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-vawa-rfp-grant-training-webinar-tickets-68155199035>

The FY 2020 VAWA Grant Application will be available on the Utah Office for Victims of Crime website at www.crimevictim.state.ut.us on or about September 17, 2019. Applications must be received **no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 17, 2019**. Should you have any questions regarding the VAWA program, application or timeline, please contact Moriah Pease at 801-333-3521 or mpease@utah.gov.

For your information, a proposed time line is attached.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tallie Viteri', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Tallie Viteri, SSW, MPA

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2020 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

FORMUAL GRANT RFP TIMELINE

MAY - JULY 2019	<i>Determine funding amounts with target areas, meet with workgroups, conduct outreach to underserved populations, begin to develop applications, identify VAWA priority areas</i>
August 7, 2019	Send out VAWA RFP Letter/Emails
AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2019	<i>Finalize applications, put all information on website, finalize instructions/trainings</i>
Tuesday, September 17, 2019	VAWA Grant Training Online Workshop
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2019	<i>Provide TA to applicants; Prep/determine SME committees and grant materials</i>
Thursday, October 17, 2019	All VAWA grants due by 5:00 pm MST
October 18-22, 2019	Pre-screen review/risk assessment
Tuesday, October 22, 2019	Send grants to SME Reviewers
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2019	<i>Review grants, prep grants for meetings, prepare board report, prep revision sheets, weekly Management Review meetings for all grants</i>
November 4-22, 2019	SME Review Meetings
December __, 2019	UOVC Board Meeting, Award recipients notified of funding/revisions
DECEMBER 2019-JANUARY 2020	<i>Contract negotiations/revisions; finalizing grants into the system; meetings with new subgrantees</i>
January 1, 2020	Funding cycle begins
January 31, 2020	All contracts finalized

**Dates are subject to change*

FEDERAL PROGRAM PURPOSES

S.T.O.P. VAWA FORMULA GRANT

1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence, including the use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (U) and (T) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a));
2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims;
4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
6. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
7. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by State funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence
8. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault;
9. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence,

dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals;

10. Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters;

11. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families;

12. Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants”) in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and may undertake the following activities— (A) developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases; (B) notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency; (C) referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and (D) taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.

13. Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote— (A) the development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as “Crystal Judson Victim Advocates,” to provide supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel; (B) the implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (“Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project” July 2003); and (C) the development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial and local victim services providers and domestic violence coalitions. Note: Any law enforcement, state, tribal, territorial, or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program shall, on an annual basis, receive additional training on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel from domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations and, after a period of two years, provide a report of the adopted protocol to the Department, including a summary of progress in implementing such protocol. As such, states and territories are responsible for ensuring that each subgrantee receiving funds under this purpose area will receive the required annual training. States are also responsible for ensuring that subgrantees submit their two-year report to the Department. States and territories must notify and provide OVW with a list of subgrantee recipients awarded STOP funds under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program.

14. Developing and promoting state, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

15. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.

16. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims.
17. Developing, enlarging or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional or detention settings.
18. Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims.
19. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses to male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in sec 249(c) of title 18, US Code
20. Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, with not more than 5 percent of the amount allocated to a state to be used for this purpose.